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1998 Western Australian Year Book provides statistical look at the state

The **1998 Western Australian Year Book** released today shows that Western Australia continues to be Australia's major exporting State. In 1996-97, 24.5 per cent of Australia's exports came from Western Australia.

It points out that Japan continues to be Western Australia's major export market and the USA is the largest import supplier. Gold bullion and iron ore accounted for 31.5 per cent of Western Australia's exports.

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- the Western Australian Child Health Survey;
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- the Ashburton Floods;
- the Regal Opera;
- the Chelsea Flower Show 1997; and,
- Vocational Educational and Training in Western Australia.

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